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Daly City 4 Black Lives Requests Upgraded Mental Health Pilot and Transparent Community-Minded Measure Q Spending • Requests additional mental health clinicians accompanied by unarmed first responders

- *Asks that portions of \$6 million from tax measure go towards COVID-19 Health Protections as well as changes to mental health pilot*

Daly City, CA - Friday, January 22, 2021 - Daly City 4 Black Lives (DC4BL) released two separate letters to the Daly City Council and the City Manager this week. [The first letter](#) addresses Daly City joining the San Mateo County Community Wellness and Crisis Response Pilot Project, which would provide one mental health professional to serve the city's population of ~100,000 alongside armed officers.

Daly City Council will have a presentation about the program and vote at the January 25th City Council meeting, and DC4BL and their supporters will be asking the City Council to consider and implement their recommendations of the pilot program: 1) hire a team of clinicians rather than just one and 2) replace the armed officer with unarmed emergency first responders like EMTs.

[The second letter demands Measure Q](#) funding allocations address public safety at its root causes, and that the City Council address policies to reduce the harm inflicted on Black and Brown communities in Daly City. The letter lists the following actions:

1. Improve outcomes for early education and youth development.
2. Ensure the removal of any and all police from school settings and disallow police calls on children.
3. Invest in behavioral health emergency responses to ensure that properly trained certified medical or mental health professionals are dispatched to de-escalate crises when they arise, and can shepherd people into the proper treatment facilities and services that are available.
4. Release 911 call log information to the public, and cut the police budget by an amount commensurate with the work they will no longer perform in the future.
5. Prosecute officers for excessive use of force (per California's passage of AB 392).
6. Invest in COVID-19 health protections and treatment for BIPOC, who are experiencing more serious illness and death due to COVID-19.

DC4BL demands City Council to host a public stakeholders forum to ensure transparent budgeting and public oversight of new Measure Q funds. In Daly City, the police are centered, with 41% of the city's budget going to the DCPD, the largest allocation for the city.

About: Daly City 4 Black Lives is a racially diverse and intergenerational group of Daly City residents who are reimagining public safety and social change for Black and Brown lives in our city. We are building power that is necessary for progressive change, and we are advocating for a better budget that restores community needs. ###